

Gregorian Choir of Grimbergen Abbey



The Gregorian Choir of Grimbergen Abbey was founded in 1968 by its members and has since been directed by Gereon van Boeschoten, a Premonstratensian in the Abbey of Grimbergen, near Brussels.

In the abbey church, also basilica, each Sunday at 10 a.m., the choir sings during holy Liturgy, and local people as well as from all over the country and abroad come to take part in the celebration of mass. An abbey is not only a center of cultural and scholarly life, but needs to be a centre of spiritual life in the first place. That is the purpose of the Gregorian Choir of Grimbergen Abbey.

The choir, that will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in 2018, started modestly with a handful of young idealists. Slowly but steadily the choir matured to what it is today : a group of enthusiastic friends who want to sing Holy Liturgy *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*.

Regularly, the choir is to be seen or heard at the television or radio broadcast of Holy mass from the Grimbergen basilica. Though being most selective when invited for participation in ceremonies outside the abbey, it has performed lots of concerts during all these years. Just to mention a few : the Pope's visit to Belgium, Heiligdomsvaart in Maastricht, the Netherlands, participation in the Gregorian festival in Watou,...

Its most prestigious performance, however, has been its participation in the solemn funeral of His Majesty King Baudouin, August 1993, and of Her Majesty Queen Fabiola, December 2014.

The Abbey Choir has issued six CDs with Gregorian chants, that can be obtained on demand with the webmaster: info@abdijkoorgrimbergen.be

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